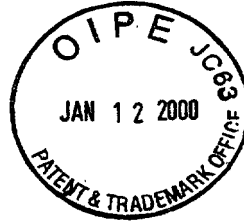


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NUBER et al
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For: Covering Device For An Opening In the Outer Shell
Of A Motor Vehicle
Group: 3752
Examiner: Kevin Weldon



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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 2000

Sir:

In response to the requirement in the interview summary dated January 11, 2000 to file a statement of the substance of the interview, applicants, through their undersigned attorney, submit the following summary of the personal interview conducted between the Examiner, Kevin Weldon, and the undersigned on January 11, 2000.

During the interview, the undersigned explained the present invention and the differences between the present invention and the prior art, in particular, the patents to Eppler et al, Nullet and Costa et al. In particular, the undersigned noted that, according to the present invention, the positioning of the hinged door of the covering device in relation to the opening in the outer panel of the motor vehicle is independent of the fastening of the hinge. This is achieved, according to the present invention, by using a mounting frame which fits securely into the opening and providing the door so that it

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The Examiner, noting the differences between the present invention and the prior art, indicated that the prior art of record did not anticipate or suggest the present invention.

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